

REMARKS

Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of June 29, 2005.

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

The Office Action

Claims 1-14 and 20-22 remain in this application. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 15-19 have been withdrawn. New claims 23 and 24 have been added.

The Restriction Requirement

A restriction requirement has been issued. Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-14 and 20-22. It is respectfully requested in event that an allowable claim be found, that joinder of claim 15 and new claim 23 be permitted. Moreover, new claim 24 closely parallels claim 1. It is requested that claim 24 be included in group I. Applicants retain the right to pursue all the restricted claims in a divisional application.

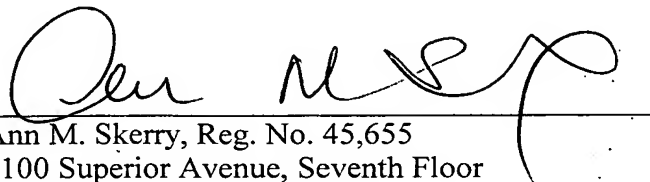
CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is hereby authorized to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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